



PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

MEETING SUMMARY

Thursday, July 10 2014

City of Sammamish Council Chambers

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Ryan Kohlmann

Mike Collins

Michael Luxenberg

Cynthia Krass

Mahbubul Islam

Frank Blau

Philip Cherian

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kohlmann called the Sammamish Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA – Approved

- Amendment – moved director's report to end of agenda

STAFF PRESENT

Emily Arteché, Senior Planner

Robin Proebsting, Associate Planner

Consultant Deborah Munkberg – Studio 3MW

Jeff Thomas, Community Development Director

REVIEW OF WORK PROGRAM CALENDAR

Emily Arteché, Senior Planner - Community Development commenced discussion on the Planning Commission Work Program Calendar. We will continue with the Comprehensive Plan Process this evening discussing the Land Use Element.

The introduction of Marijuana Code will be discussed at the 07/24/2014 followed also with the Public Hearing at the 07/24/2014. The introduction of Duthie Hill road meeting has now been moved to 2nd October, 2014. As standard practice the Commission will recess for the month of August returning in September on 09/04/2014.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Non Agenda (3 minutes) – None Given

Emily gave an update on the Public Outreach received at the Farmers Markets, she quoted questions that the public had relay during the outreach. Posters showing the Comprehensive Plan Rewrite were show as follows:-

- Sustainability, Utilities, Shoreline & PROS, Housing, Environment & Conservation

& Coming soon elements.

OLD BUSINESS

Comprehensive Plan Process

Land Use Element

Deborah Munkberg, Studio 3MW Consultant presented and discussed the following presentation directly to the Commission as follows:-

Comprehensive Plan Rewrite Elements

1. Introduction – Vision Sustainability Framework Goals
2. Environment & Conservation
3. Land Use
4. Housing
5. Economic Development
6. Transportation
7. Parks, Recreation & Open Space
8. Utilities, Public Services
9. Capital Facilities
10. Shorelines

Land Use Element

Organization

1. Land Use Patterns
2. Community Character and Identity
3. Healthy Communities
4. Water Quality
5. Regional Planning
6. Sustainable Development
7. Historic and Cultural Resources

1. Land Use Patterns

Focus – Define and document land use designations

- Goals and Policies
 - Land use designations
 - Compact, complete, connected land use pattern
- Densities and intensities
- Future Land Use Map
- Housing diversity

2. Community Character and Identity

- Focus – City-wide character
- Goals and Policies
 - Land use pattern consistent with vision
 - City-wide community identity

- Harmony with natural environment

Consistent with Vision

- Safe, healthy and diverse residential community
- Entrepreneurship and small businesses
- Safeguard the environment
- Foster sense of community

Community Identity

- Entry and gateway features
- Sense of place – consistent and compatible development
- Natural character as part of identity
- Community wide design standards:
 - Compatibility with natural site characteristics
 - Scale and character appropriate to the site
 - Reflect current and historical character
 - Landscaping to enhance building and site appearance
 - Pedestrian and bicycle access
 - Usable open space, including community gathering places

Harmony with Natural Environment

- Integrate natural environment in development
- Design flexibility
- Tree preservation
- Existing landscaping and native plants
- Scenic vistas

Residential Areas

- Design standards and design variety
- Compatible infill development
- Stormwater facilities enhance neighborhood character, wildlife habitat, passive recreation
- Maintain privacy, minimize increased shade/shadow
- Flexibility in development patterns – clustering, townhomes, mixed attached/detached housing to address specific needs.

Commercial Areas

- Town Center, Inglewood Center, Pine Lake Center - major commercial centers
- Subarea plans for Inglewood and Pine Lake Centers
- Infill to commercial areas before expansion; building heights
- Public/private partnerships for economic development initiatives

Public Uses

- Public uses to create landmarks and identity

- Joint siting and use of facilities
- Stormwater management to enhance community character
- Streets and streetscape character

3. Healthy Communities

- Focus – Support physical activity, access to healthy foods, social connectedness
- Goals and Policies
 - Measures to promote walking and biking
 - Access to healthy foods
 - Sense of community and community gathering places

Walking & Biking

- Promote neighborhood connectivity
- Pedestrian scale improvements
- Compact/clustered development
- School routes

Healthy Foods

- Urban agriculture
- Access to healthy foods near residential areas and transit facilities

Community Gathering

- Informal gathering places
- Safety in design
- Civic engagement

4. Water Quality

- Focus – Protect water quality
- Goals and Policies
 - Reference Environment and Conservation Element
 - Reference Sustainability Framework policies

5. Regional Planning

- Focus Support regional partnerships
- Goals and Policies
 - Partner with neighboring agencies or regional planning issues
 - Study potential UGA boundary adjustments Duthie Hill
 - Update PAA map
 - Ensure that newly annexed lands are zoned in accordance with City policies and regulations
 - Update criteria for annexation

6. Sustainable Development

- Green Infrastructure and healthy buildings
- Sustainability Framework
 - Sustainable stormwater management
 - Distributed energy generation
 - Conservation of potable water
 - Low impact development methods

7. Historic and Cultural Resources

Historic, Cultural and Archaeological Resources

- Preserve historic and cultural resources
- Support regional efforts to identify and preserve historic and cultural sites
- Support community cultural organizations

During presentation Staff took notes from the Commission on points raised and discussed throughout the meeting.

Public Comment Agenda – (7 minutes)

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Bob Braeutigam, 2640, 271st Ave SE, Sammamish WA 98075

Jeff Thomas, Community Development Director introduced himself to the Commission, and gave a brief overview of what details have occur during the first seven days of his employment, he continued with the Director's Report from the July 1st City Council Meeting.

An update with given on the Ordinance: Second Reading Of The City Of Sammamish, Washington, Relating To Temporary Homeless Encampment Regulations And Specifically Amending Exhibit A To SMC Section 20.05.020; Amending SMC Chapter 21A.15; Amending SMC Section 21A.70.010; Adopting A New SMC Section 21A.70.195; Providing For Severability; And Establishing An Effective Date discussed at the City Council Meeting. The ordinance received a 7-0 Council agreement.

Meeting adjourned at 7.55 pm

Chair: Ryan Kohlmann

PC Coordinator: Debbie Beadle

(Video Audio record 07/10/2014)

Roberts Rules of Order Applies: [RONR (10TH ed.), p. 451, I. 25-28]